

HOUSE RESOLUTION 101  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reverend David Michael Barkley on his 10th year as Pastor of the Star of Hope Chapel in Wartburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in specially recognizing those ministers who, for many years, have had a profound and positive impact on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, David Michael Barkley is one such estimable individual, having served as Pastor at Star of Hope Chapel in Wartburg for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, born in Borne, Massachusetts, Reverend Barkley's religious career began early in life; during high school, he worked with the Youth Ministry at his father's church in Michigan, and during this stint with the Youth Ministry, he announced his intention to enter the ministry; and

WHEREAS, an ambitious and motivated servant of the Lord, Reverend Barkley became pastor of his first church - the Congregational Church of Pittsford, Michigan - during his senior year of college at Spring Arbor College; and

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WHEREAS, to the great fortune of East Tennesseans, Reverend Barkley and his family moved to Knoxville in 1976; that year, he began a radio ministry called, *Gospel Light Club*, that eventually developed into the Christian Life Center Church; and

WHEREAS, a generous and devoted man of God, Reverend Barkley spent the next 13 years mostly involved in missionary work in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, he and his family moved to Wartburg, where he served as an interim pastor for some area churches; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Reverend Barkley became pastor of the Star of Hope Chapel in Wartburg, where he has diligently and faithfully served and led that congregation for ten years; and

WHEREAS, ministers such as David Barkley provide the citizens of this nation with a network of great spiritual support during these difficult and trying times; and

WHEREAS, a consummate family man, Reverend Barkley is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of almost 30 years, Debra Adkins Barkley, and their three children, David, Michael, and Amanda; and

WHEREAS, Pastor David Barkley is a caring and loving pastor and family man, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor him for his many years of laudable service to God and humanity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Reverend David Barkley on 10 years of meritorious service with the Star of Hope Chapel, salute his commitment to moral and upright Christian living, and wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

